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In re Application of
Schohn, et al.

Application No. 09/851,404 : ON PETITION

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Attorney Docket No. 12481-004001

This is a decision on the petition filed on May 31, 2006, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper response to the final Office action mailed September 16, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No reply having been received, the above-identified application became abandoned on December 17, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 31, 2006.

With the instant petition, petitioner paid the petition fee, made the proper statement of unintentional delay, and filed a proper reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, an extension of time must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum period obtainable for reply to avoid abandonment. Accordingly, since the \$1020 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on May 31, 2006 was subsequent to the maximum period obtainable for reply (March 16, 2006), this fee will be refunded to petitioner under separate cover.

The person signing the instant petition also requests a change of correspondence address to the address given in the instant petition. There is, however, no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the instant petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the instant petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

The application file is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2176 for consideration of the RCE, filed May 31, 2005.

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